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Winchester Court Market.

(Democrat.)

About 500 cattle on the market. Some of them superior quality. Prices were so high, however, that one-third or more were left unsold.

For two loads of extra steers, one load Polled Angus, wt. about \$1,000 lbs., 4 1/2 was offered and refused, 5c and a premium of \$1 on the head being demanded.

Simon Weil sold Albert Stofor 20 steers, wt. 925 lbs. by the head; they weighed out a little over 4 1/2c.

E. S. Cunningham bought 25 two-year-old steers, weight about 750 lbs. at \$32.50 each; also 14 plain yearlings at \$26 each.

Will Tuggle sold to Rob. Adams 10 fair-yearling steers at \$25 each, and to Sam Moore 10 good yearling heifers at \$19 each.

Jas. M. Rainey bought of J. W. Ingram 10 heifers, wt. about 475 lbs. at \$19 each.

There was considerable demand for milk cows, but none on the market except one Jersey cow which sold for \$25 by J. A. Ramsey. One bull, wt. about 650 lbs., sold for \$26.

Hodgkin Bros. bought 58 ewes with 53 lambs thrown in, of L. C. Rose, at \$5 per ewe.

Owen & Rees bought 800 lambs of Henry Moore, of Walnut Hill, at 5c per lb., the lambs to be delivered the 1st half of June and the 1st half of July.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.

On Wednesday premier Sagasta handed to the Queen Regent the resignation of the Cabinet. The crisis was precipitated directly by the bill to cede the Philippines to the United States. The Government presented the bill in the Senate Tuesday, and when a counter measure was presented the Government was sustained by a majority of but two, the vote being 118 for the counter and 120 for the measure ceding the islands. As there was no chance for the Government adding to its strength, Sagasta saw nothing but defeat before him. Hence he and his fellow-members of the Cabinet decided to retire.

Highway Rights.

The Appellate Court says that the owner of land abutting on a public highway owns to the center of the road, subject only to the right of the public to travel on the road. And then when a person stops in front of his premises and undertakes to use the land on his side of the road for some purpose other than travel over it, can be warned by the owner and is liable to a fine if he does not go.

New Political Party to Be Organized.

The Executive Committee of the National Union Reform Party concluded its work at Cincinnati on Thursday. Its organization preparatory to nominating an independent Presidential ticket next year will be completed when its Executive Committee meets at Buffalo June 29.

The effort was to amalgamate the Populists, silver Republicans, Socialist Labor party, National Liberty party and other scattering parties. There were only 154 delegates present, representing fifteen States.

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THE CHAT BIRDS.

Why They Are So Called—Singular Method of Capturing Them.

Having occasion once on a time to cross a wild, lonely field, abounding in stones, just as I was sighing over its desolation, my attention was arrested by a loud, sweet note, and after looking about me, I found it proceeded from a nest in the deep crevices of the stones, and was nearly hidden by projecting fragments. After wandering further, I found another nest, from four to five inches in diameter, made of mosses and twigs and lined with hair, containing greenish-blue eggs.

I now recognized one of the chat-tribe, the white stone sometimes called wheat-ear, from a peculiar note. It also takes its name of stone-chat, from the noise it makes while hopping about the stones, and the notes of some species sound very like stones broken by hammers.

The flesh of this bird is very delicate and is much sought after by gunners. In England it is known as the ortolan, and antiquarians who haunt old ruins and burial places often stumble upon their nests. But a superstition clings to it on account of its haunts, and although a handsome bird, it is in ill-repute.

We should suppose that this genus of birds would be talkative and gregarious, from their names. On the contrary, we find them very shy, unsocial and solitary, seldom approaching human habitations.

Their near connections, the whin-chats, are so termed from their fondness for the whin bush, a sort of evergreen with yellow blossoms. Other of their relatives frequent hedges, and build in them, and so pass by the name of hedge sparrows.

Then there is the polygot-chat, which is as great a mimic as the parrot. It loves hazel-bushes par excellence, and conceals itself in them in a wonderful way. When you hear it, begin with different noises, and it will follow you a long distance, repeating the sound.

These birds often perch on the ground, but rarely on trees. The method of capturing them is very singular: The turf is cut and the horse-hair nose laid in; the turf is then spread over it, and the bird, alarmed, running under the turf for protection falls into the snare.—Golden Days.

SHOOTING STARS.

Some Legends Concerning Them—Maximum Showers Every 33 Years.

In olden times also it was thought that falling stars were the souls of the dead whose thread of life had been cut short by fate. This was in Europe, for the Arabs believed that they were flaming stones thrown by the angels at the heads of devils when the latter approached too near to Heaven. The Koran reproduces this opinion, which it found scattered through all the regions lying under the influence of Islamism, and consecrates it to a certain extent. Savage tribes possess coarse conceptions of the phenomenon. Other peoples are more poetical. In Galicia there is a legend which sees in each falling star a spirit. If the star falls to earth it becomes a lady of the rarest beauty, with tresses, long, blond, and scintillating. This beautiful creature exercises a magical charm on all who behold her. In the silence of the night she embraces them, until she stifles them in her embrace. But a certain formula conjures the peril if murmured at the moment when the star blazes out. And we Europeans still say to-day among ourselves that if we can express a wish between the blazing and the extinguishing of a falling star that wish will be granted.

We have said that the number of shooting stars on certain nights of the year is considerably greater than it is on others, as, for instance, August 10 and November 14. The August fall lasts several days, reaching its maximum about the 10th, the November fall being at its greatest toward the morning of the 14th. These maximums are noticed every year, but the intensity itself of the phenomenon on these dates is subject to a certain periodicity. The most remarkable of the returns of the star showers is that of November, for which the calculations of Prof. Newton give a maximum every 33 1/2 years. The last of the maximums was observed in the year 1866. The next is therefore due at the end of 1899.—O. F. Bianco, in Chautauquan.

Authorship of the Bible.

In one of the lower standards of a Birmingham board school the other day the headmaster provided the boys with slips of paper and desired them to write a reply to the question: "Who wrote the Bible?" One answer given was "David," another, "Mr. Cadbury," a third, "Mr. Jowett," and a fourth, "Shakespeare."—London Westminster Gazette.

French Game Law.

France has a law forbidding the slaughter of birds smaller than larks. Nevertheless piles of such birds are offered for sale in the markets of many French cities. It is stated that the law is now to be rigidly enforced.

BREVITIES OF FUN.

"Would you say 'honest politics,' or 'are'?" "Is," of course. Honest politics is always singular.—Indianapolis Journal.

First Deaf Mute (with fingers)—"Jenson did not speak when he passed by." Second Deaf Mute—"He couldn't; he froze his fingers last night."—Syracuse Herald.

Mrs. Tracey—"Do you realize, my dear, that you have never done anything to save your fellow-men any suffering?" Tracey—"Didn't I marry you?"—Spare Moments.

"So the lady engaged you at once when you said you had served with me?" "Yes, she said that any girl who could stand you three months must be an angel."—Fliegende Blaetter.

She—"When we are married won't you give up your clubs, dear?" He—"I've practically done that already, darling. Since we've been engaged I've been suspended from all of them."—Puck.

Johnny—"Pa, teacher says it is wicked to tell a lie. You never told a lie, did you, pa?" He—"Well, not for a good many years. My salesmen attend to that part of the business."—Boston Transcript.

Whyte—"I always make it a rule to kiss my wife whenever I leave the house in the morning and when I come home at night." Browne—"That's right. I would if I were you."—Somerville Journal.

Housekeeper—"I ordered a dozen oranges to-day, Mr. Titefyst, and you only sent me 11. How was that?" Grocer—"Well, ma'am, one of them was bad, and I didn't think you'd want it."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

INVISIBLE COLORING.

Points Concerning the Painting of the English Men-of-War.

We stated on the authority of our Devonport correspondent that as a result of experiments the English admiralty have determined to abandon the present system of painting torpedo vessels entirely black, and to paint the upper portion of the vessels gray. This appears at first sight a curious inversion of Nature's methods of securing invisibility. Throughout the animal kingdom the rule prevails, in beasts, birds, fishes and insects, that the upper part of the body should be of a darker color than the lower, and scientific experiments have demonstrated the enormous utility of this arrangement of color for purposes of concealment. Taking the case of sea birds or fish, as being most analogous to warships, the upper part is almost invariably gray, but the lower portion white, or nearly so. The result is that the light shining upon the upper deck surface and the shadow falling upon the lower light portion so equalize matters that at a short distance the bird or fish is invisible. The experience of any shore gunner will bear this out in the case of those dark or uniformly colored ducks which strike the eye at immense distances, while the parti-colored gulls resting on the water are difficult to see at much shorter range. The reason, no doubt, why the decision of the admiralty seems to run counter to the experience of Nature is that the latter provides only protective coloration in sunlight, moonlight, or darkness. The searchlight, with its brilliant lateral rays, introduces a new factor into the case.—London Globe.

WHAT ONE GIRL DOES.

How She Makes a Success of a Trying Position.

The "girl" behind the glove counter had long passed her girlhood days. She was not pleasant to look upon. Her face wore a hard, determined look, her mouth when in repose was a mere line. Yet she could smile sweetly, and had a pleasant greeting for those who helped her sustain her envied reputation as the best glove saleswoman in the city.

She had hosts of friends among the customers who patronized the store. Many of them gladly waited for her if she was busy with other customers, and she ruled them imperiously. They bought what she suggested and never thought of questioning her taste or judgment. Some of her more recent conquests were sometimes inclined to rebel, but sooner or later they submitted.

In an unusual moment of confidence she one day divulged the secret of her success. She said:

"I have never allowed myself to get excited at any time, and I have never shown annoyance or loss of temper before a customer, no matter how exasperating she might be. The more trying the customer the better I am pleased, because I make up my mind to win, and the harder the fight the sweeter the victory."—Dry Goods Economist.

Saves Car Fare.

The Visitor—What a pity it is he doesn't grow any faster.

The Mother—Oh, well, it is a great saving in car fares.—Indianapolis Journal.

Daily Output.

About 20 books are published daily in Great Britain.

GRAPE-EATING DOGS.

A New Menace to the Famous French Vineyards.

We all know the fable of the fox that declared the grapes were green because he could not reach them. Until recently I had always imagined that Mr. Aesop had availed himself of the crafty fox to adorn a moral. The fox, I can assure my readers, is remarkably fond of grapes; I won't go so far as to say that he prefers them to a fat pullet, but when he can't get anything else, or as a dessert, he commits more ravages in one night than a dozen of our London waiters would if admitted into a Douro vineyard.

Many naturalists have asserted that the dog and the fox will not breed together. This is a great mistake. Equally will the dog and the wolf. And the dog will eat grapes and cause any amount of damage. When I was staying at the Vezuvio Quinta I was out one morning very early, and I saw the house dog running along with a fox and playing havoc with the finest bunches. The creature was quite white, but it had a well-developed brush and the face of a fox. They seemed to be having a good time of it, but the peculiar part of it is that these grape-eating dogs, so nearly allied to the fox, will not encroach on the domains of Mr. Cock-a-doodle-do, and won't allow others to do so. He is a cur of a very low degree; a snappy yelping brute, not to be trusted so far as your fingers are concerned.

The dog of the Serra de Estrella is not a grape eater; he will attack a man as a wolf would; he stands about three feet in height, but is not noble looking. At the Boa Vista there are two specimens of this fierce breed. Tigre lost his tail some time ago; he is white, but his ears are yellow. At daybreak he goes out hunting on his own account, for rabbits are plentiful and there are a few hares. He provides for himself and his lady love.

In the whole of the Douro there are very few dogs; once they get the mania for eating grapes there is no curing them of it, and the night guards are instructed to shoot them.

The foxes live on the most friendly terms with these curs, so that the latter are not of much good in protecting the approaches to the house. It is impossible to hunt in the Douro because of the stone-walled terraces and the precipitous hills, but the shooting is very good, because you have to work for your birds. I am glad to say that the Portuguese have at last gone in for preserving their rivers, even to preventing dynamite cartridges employed in the destruction of fish.

Once more referring to the grape-eating dogs, I have just come across an ably-written article in one of our French contemporaries. The writer asserts that in former days such a dog was unknown, but that for some reason the curs of high and low degree have developed a fancy for destroying the bunches and damaging the vines. Speaking, however, with a Spanish friend recently, he informed me that 50 years ago he was acquainted with this peculiarity of our canine companion. I can only explain it by the absence of grass, which is the dog's medicine, for in other districts he leaves the fruit alone. Of course, this is a most important question, as it not only affects the quantity of the grapes grown, but the vines as well. In former days the wolves used to frequent the Quintas, also the wild boars, and at the Quinta do Roriz there is still standing a stone building, somewhat after the fashion of a vast oven, where Mr. Alexander, the first proprietor, used to go to shoot these wild animals. But now, excepting in the Serras, the wolf and the boar are no longer found.—Wine and Spirit Circular.

LONG LIFE OF A DEER.

An Old Adage Well Supported by Reliable Accounts.

Romance has played a prominent part with regard to the longevity of deer. What says the highland adage: Thrice the age of a dog is that of a horse.

Thrice the age of a horse is that of a man.

Thrice the age of a man is that of a deer.

Thrice the age of a deer is that of an eagle.

Thrice the age of an eagle is that of an oak tree.

This is to assign the deer a period of more than 200 years and the estimate is supported by many highly circumstantial stories. Thus, Capt. McDonald, of Tulloch, who died in 1776, aged 86 years, is said to have known the white hind of Loch Treig for 50 years, his father for a like period before him and his grandfather for 60 years before him.

In 1826 MacDonald, of Glengarry, is reported to have killed a stag which bore a mark on the left ear identical with that made on all the calves he could catch by Ewen-Maclean-Og, who had been dead 150 years. Analogous stories, it may be noted, are told in countries on the continent of Europe, where deer are to be found in any number. But the general opinion among experts would seem to be that 30 years or thereabouts is the limit of a deer's life.—Chicago Daily News.

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The famous Hazzard circular, to capitalists in New York, and the Buel Bank circular to United States Bankers, both emanating from London, and the fabulous corruption fund raised in England and Germany, estimated at \$1,500,000, were the agents that secured the closing of our mints against silver.

The "walk into my parlor" policy of England, during and since the Spanish War, is the latest evidence of English Diplomacy in shaping the destiny of the United States Government.

Notwithstanding the famine price of wheat, the Spanish War, and fabulous expenditures of money by our government during the past year, gold has increased in value eleven per cent. and all other values decreased in the same proportion.

For a thorough understanding of the money question, or silver issue, the Cincinnati Enquirer has uniformly given evidence of its ability to teach, explain and produce all facts and truth. It is a paper that ought and can be read by all classes with pleasure and profit.

Another Boom Echo From Winchester.

The tract of land, in boom days known as the property of the West End Land Company, was sold Saturday at public auction and was bought by N. H. Witherspoon at \$90 per acre. It contained fourteen acres and was situated between the College addition and the C. & O. road.—Democrat.

Stopped the Revolution.

American and British warships landed marines at Bluefields, Nicaragua, and stopped the revolution.

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